CBSE School by Private Organisations

20 MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons his Ministry is not giving permission and recognition to start CBSE Schools by Private Organisation in the country;

(b) the reason for Government control of admission on the basis of age and merit in B.Ed. and B.E. courses; and

(c) the reason his Ministry cannot control education by holding examinations conforming to some specified standards and allow freely to conduct any type of classes one chooses to manage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), any privately managed school run by a registered society/trust can seek affiliation with the Board subject to fulfilment of norms as prescribed in the Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board after obtaining NOC/ recognition from the respective State/UT Government.

(b) The Central Government does not exercise any direct control over the admission to B.Ed. and B.E. courses.

(c) Keeping in view the requirement of students, CBSE specifies standards in respect to curriculum and examinations so that there is no difficulty in having lateral and vertical mobility with respect to further education of the students.

Government jobs for IGNOU/DU passouts

21. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that as per Gazette No. 44 dated 1st March, 2005, students who have passed correspondence/distance education courses from IGNOU/Delhi University after 1995 will not get Government job;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what will be fate of those students who have already passed or are presently studying various correspondence/distance education courses from IGNOU/Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Government of India has issued Gazette Notification No. 44 on 1st March, 1995. As per this Notification, the qualifications awarded through Distance Education by the Universities established by an act of Parliament of State Legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to the posts and services under Central Government, provided it has been approved by Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University and wherever necessary by All India Council for Technical Education.

Universalisation of Mid-day Meal Scheme

22. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have intention of universalizing Mid-day Meal Scheme; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, by when Mid-day Meal Scheme would be universalized; and

(c) by when the poorest of the poor, *viz.* the tribal children of Central India will get mid-day meal irrespective of where they study since one of the objective of Mid-day Meal Scheme is to attract children and retain them in school?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE) was launched as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 15th August 1995, initially in 2408 blocks in the country. By the year 1997-98 the NP-NSPE was introduced in all blocks of the country.

The NP-NSPE (commonly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme) was